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MINISTRY OF HEALTH

CHATTERIS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR

THE YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER, 1966

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year ending 31st December, 1966

To the Chairman and Members of CHATTERIS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

I submit hereafter my Annual Report on the Chatteris Urban District.

ESTIMATED POPULATION - mid. 1963 - 5,500
mid. 1964 - 5,470
mid. 1965 - 5,490
mid. 1966 - 5,520

LIVE BIRTHS

1961	15.94	per thousand population
1962	14.15	per thousand population
1963 - 84 -	15.27	per thousand population
1964 - 85 -	15.54	per thousand population
1965 - 87 -	15.87	per thousand population
1966 - 61 -	11.05	per thousand population

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS - 5

1963 - 1 -	1.195	percent of live births
1964 - 7 -	8.235	percent of live births
1965 - 3 -	3.45	percent of live births
1966 - 5 -	8.19	percent of live births

STILL BIRTHS - 0

1963 - 2 -	23.2	per thousand of total births
1964 - 2 -	22.9	per thousand of total births
1965 - 1 -	11.4	per thousand of total births
1966 - 0 -	0.0	per thousand of total births

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS - 61

INFANT DEATHS - 3

INFANT MORTALITY

1960	2 deaths	24.00 per thousand live births
1961	3 deaths	34.09 per thousand live births
1962	3 deaths	38.50 per thousand live births
1963	2 deaths	23.82 per thousand live births
1964	1 death	11.76 per thousand live births
1965	7 deaths	80.46 per thousand live births
1966	3 deaths	49.18 per thousand live births

No deaths of illegitimate infants.

NEO NATAL MORTALITY RATE (under four weeks old) One

EARLY NEO NATAL MORTALITY RATE (under one week old) One.

PRE-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (still births and under one week)
1 under one week.

MATERNAL MORTALITY none known.

WATER SUPPLY

Wisbech & District Water Board is the Statutory Authority and piped mains supply from Marham, Norfolk, supply 1898 houses directly and indirectly by external stand pipes, a few remaining houses in the outlying fens have no piped supply. The supply generally is of satisfactory quality and quantity, the results of 103 Bacteriological samples tested was 100% negative. 100 yards of new mains have been laid during year.

FLUORIDATION OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

It still remains a disturbing fact that we in Chatteris cannot yet avail ourselves of the benefits of fluoridation of water due to strong elements of opposition. I suppose the only hope is to wait for the younger enlightened generation of Councillors. In the meantime childrens teeth continue to rot at an alarming pace.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Direct labour is used to operate a weekly collection in the town and fortnightly in the outlying fens.

RIVERS, STREAMS AND WATERCOURSES

There are no natural rivers and streams, the town being built on a layer of Kimmeridge clay thrown up and forming high land running north to south and rainfall gravitated off the east and west slopes to artificial dykes and to the main drains constructed some three hundred years ago when the fens were reclaimed.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

This is on the water carriage system in the Urban District.

SCHOOLS

All are supplied with piped water and generally satisfactory sanitary conditions.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Both Acre Fen and Nightlayer Works are working satisfactorily and the effluent standard is to the satisfaction of the Great Ouse River Authority.

NURSING SERVICE AND HEALTH VISITORS SERVICE

We are very fortunate in Chatteris in having an excellent Nursing Service. The two Nurses work in close liason with the two General Practitioners.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

The main office for this service is situated at March. A Clinic for out-patients is held at the County Hall where a Consultant is in attendance weekly. There are several Mental Welfare Officers and one has been appointed for the Chatteris area. There is very close co-operation between the Consultant, the Mental Welfare Officers and the General Practitioners.

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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

Two Medical Practitioners, assisted by a Nurse Dispenser, provide a full 24 hour service. Institutional treatment is obtained at Doddington, Wisbech and Cambridge, the co-operation and liason between the Hospital, General Practitioner and District Nurse is excellent.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Ambulance Service is proving itself to be very good indeed. It is readily accessible by telephone 24 hours a day. In urgent cases the interval between the call for help and the arrival of an Ambulance is unbelievably short. Routine cases are always promptly undertaken.

NOTIFICATION OF CONGENITAL BIRTH DEFECTS

All congenital defects apparent at birth are notified to the Medical Officer of Health. This is carried out by the midwife or the General Practitioner.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Members,

Your obedient servant,

Medical Officer of Health.

DEATHS the main causes of death were:-

	Male	Female	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	2	0	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	2	1	3
Diabetes	-	1	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	5	5	10
Coronary Disease, Angina	5	2	7
Other Heart Disease	9	5	14
Other circulatory disease	2	1	3
Pneumonia	2	1	3
Bronchitis	1	1	2
Other diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	1	1
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	1	2	3
Accidents	1	4	5
	31	24	55

Death rate perthousand population = 9.96

SUMMARY OF FOOD INSPECTIONS
1966

1. Number of Food Premises

Cafes	1	Fishmongers	4
Hotels	2	Grocers	15
Milk Producers	3	Butchers	6
Milk Retailers	3	Greengrocers	7
Bakers	4		

2. Number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drug Act, 1955 and the number of Dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949/1954.

Ice Cream Retailers	20
Ice Cream Producers	1
Sausage Producers	5
Number of Dairies	3

3. Disposal of Condemned Food

Condemned food is disposed of by burning except for large articles and tinned foods which are normally buried surrounded with quick-lime.

Food Condemned

Three 4 lb. tins Pressed Ham
One 3 lb. tin Corned Beef

MEAT INSPECTION 1966

	Beasts	Pigs	Sheep	Weight of Meat Condemned
January	15	37	0	34 lbs.
February	14	26	0	26¼ lbs.
March	9	29	0	6 lbs.
April	13	20	0	24 lbs.
May	7	24	0	46 lbs.
June	10	19	3	3 lbs.
July	13	23	4	4½ lbs.
August	5	16	0	2 lbs.
September	11	21	0	10 lbs.
October	21	31	0	36 lbs.
November	19	26	21	46 lbs.
December	17	24	19	21 lbs.
	154	296	47	

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IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1966

FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF CHATTERIS

IN THE COUNTY OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 - 1939

Prescribed Particulars of the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1. - INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	4	17	-	-
Factories not included above in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	18	103	-	-
Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	22	120	-	-

2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H. M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of Floors	-	-	-	-	-

2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found (continued)

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H. M. Inspector	Referred by H. M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences					
a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other defects against the Act (not including offences	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	2	-	-	-

PART V111 OF THE ACT

OUT-WORK

(sections 110 and 111)

Nil Return

Signature

Medical Officer of Health

Date: 23rd November, 1967